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Interview Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
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Type: a) ☒ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference
c) ☐ Personal [copy given to: 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☐ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☐ No.
If Yes, brief description: _____.

Claim(s) discussed: 94, and 103.

Identification of prior art discussed: Tso (U.S. Patent 6,088,803) and Bates (U.S. Patent 6,721,721).

Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached. g) ☒ was not reached. h) ☐ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: See Continuation Sheet.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

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Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: A general nature of the invention was discussed. The Applicant's argued that hte Cited Prior Art (CPA) of record did not teach that a storage server causes a plurality of cluster devices to execute an operation on the plurality of files. The Examiner recommended some amendments to the claims which would better encompass the scope of the claims and differentiate over the CPA, and the Applicant agreed to consider such changes. The Examiner will examine the claims on the next correspondence.